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FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN....Two thousand and thirteen was a quiet year for the State Library compared to the previous years. There was a move to change the governance of libraries proposed in HB436. However, the bill was deemed ITL (Inexpedient to Legislate) by the New Hampshire General Court. The problems facing the State Library were and remain what most state libraries are experiencing; expanding responsibilities and opportunities in an era with far fewer resources.

In spite of the changes facing the State Library, we did take on a program to help libraries automate economically. In the spring of 2013 we launched nhaisLOCAL, a program to help New Hampshire libraries automate using open source software with the assistance of the State Library and our partner BYWATER SOLUTIONS. We started the program with six libraries in the towns of: Danville, Litchfield, Lyndeborough, Warner, Tuftonboro and Colebrook. This group went live with the KOHA system in June 2013. After handling some challenges, all six libraries are using the system and learning everyday what the system can do.

I had the pleasure this year to be part of celebrations for opening new libraries in a number of communities. After a 15 year period on its own in a store in Durham, the Durham Public Library opened a brand new building on Madbury Road in the heart of Durham on a beautiful Sunday in September using musical talent from Oyster River High school; a ribbon was cut and the library was open for business. If you are in the Durham area take the time to visit the library and be sure to see the children's area.

After working for many years with a number of fits and starts, not caused by them, the Sunapee Library Foundation broke ground in October 2013 on a 7,000 square foot building tripling the existing space of the 1909 library. A June 2014 opening is planned.

On December 28, 2013, the town of Bethlehem had a ribbon cutting at its new library on Main Street. The new building has an open concept with a very attractive children's area and a local history special collection room. It also has a large public meeting room which can be closed off from the rest of the library for after hours use and a patio with a spectacular view of the surrounding mountains.

As I have said in previous year end summaries of events LIBRARIES ARE ALIVE AND WELL IN THE GRANITE STATE.

- Michael York, State Librarian

ANN HOEY NAMED YATES AWARD WINNER

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photo courtesy of Baker Free Library, Bow

Ann Hoey, youth services librarian at the New Hampshire State Library, has been named 2013 Elizabeth Yates Award winner by the Concord Public Library Foundation.

The Elizabeth Yates Award was begun in 1994 to honor an individual in the greater Concord area who is actively engaged in inspiring young people to read. It was named after Concord resident, children's author and Newbery Medal winner Elizabeth Yates, who was a strong advocate of reading and who supported library programs in the Concord community during her lifetime. She was the award's first recipient.

Hoey was selected as this year's winner due to her outstanding dedication to support children's library services, which

is demonstrated through her work with both public and school librarians across the state. Her knowledge, enthusiasm and encouragement have provided the tools for librarians to motivate children to read.

"Children's librarians are truly unsung heroes in our communities, finding ways to get even the most reluctant readers excited about ways that books can enrich their lives," said Hoey. "It's an honor to help them with this important work."

In addition to receiving an award certificate, Hoey's name was added to the Elizabeth Yates Award plaque in the Children's Room. She will also assist in the selection of \$500 worth of children's books for the Concord Public Library.

For more information about the Elizabeth Yates Award, please call (603) 225-8670.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND LIBRARIES WALK HAND IN HAND

Promoting Literacy in alternative educational environments

by Meredith Lamothe, Museum Educator

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Meredith Lamothe is a museum educator at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire and is the host of their Storytime Sundays and a presenter of their summer library outreach program. She is also a MLIS candidate at Simmons College and reference librarian at Scarborough Public Library (ME).

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire has been committed to promoting literacy with children for over 30 years. We share numerous goals with libraries that foster a love of reading, including exploring and learning in a fun and safe environment, making our services available to all people through library membership programs, promoting activities that pull in a wide range of audiences and bringing those activities to different locations through our outreach program.



The Children's Museum offers a variety of programs from our Summer Library Outreach program and Books Alive events to our weekly Storytime Sundays and our Library Membership Program that offers discounts through libraries. All of these programs aim to promote literacy and strengthen relationships between the museum and our neighboring libraries.

We are entering the third year of offering our fantastic annual library outreach program that relates to the ALA summer reading theme. The summer 2014 theme of "Fizz...Boom...Think!" will focus on recycling, saving the earth and learning about the human footprint through hands-on projects, demonstrations and fun!

Programs in the past have been "Up All Night in New Hampshire!" and "Dig Into the Deep Sea: Fish Aren't Afraid of the Dark." We travel to libraries all over New Hampshire, Maine, and northeast Massachusetts to present an hour-long program. We've received much positive feedback from host libraries and cannot wait to begin another summer of bringing the museum to you!

Since 2006, our Books Alive program brings beloved costumed storybook characters to the museum three times each year. Recently we've had visits from Curious George and The Man in the Yellow Hat, Clifford and Emily Elizabeth, The Lorax and Corduroy! These events are very popular. Stories about these characters are read, activities that related to the books are available and - of course - children can meet these storybook friends and have their pictures taken with them or just give a quiet high five. These events bring books to life as children step into the story and meet characters that are their friends. We also use this program to promote libraries as a resource and place where families can find the books we read and have on display for each Books Alive.

We also host a weekly program called Storytime Sundays. Our storytime is hosted by me - museum educator Meredith Lamothe and local musician Stu Dias on guitar. I read several stories on a theme - sometimes incorporating puppets or felt boards and Stu sings a few songs. He will usually write a song specifically to suit the theme and is recording an album of his songs later this year! Storytime Sundays is a great opportunity for families to get together and relax while enjoying books and music. We find Sundays to be a convenient time for families that might not be able to get to a weekday storytime at their local library.



We hope to meet many of you through our outreach program this summer or feel free to visit the Museum, see what we offer and then consider a membership pass for your library. We feel strongly that libraries and children's museums walk hand in hand in their goals to foster a love of reading and promote literacy with visitors of all ages.

2014 LADYBUG PICTURE BOOK AWARD

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www.nh.gov/nhsl/services/librarians/youth_services.html

Please nominate a picture book that meets the following criteria:

- be published, in its current edition, within the last three years (2011-2013)
- be in print
- have both the book's author and illustrator reside in the US
- possess strong child appeal
- have artistic quality with text that supports the illustrations
- not be a title previously nominated

Please submit your nominations no later than Friday, January 24, 2014 by completing the information at this link:
<http://tinyurl.com/http-Ladybug2014-com>.

MADISON LIBRARY PARTNERS WITH UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION / 4-H ON MAKER PROJECTS

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This past summer, the Madison Library and UNH Cooperative Extension / 4-H worked together to offer a program to foster mechanical technology learning and cultivate old-fashioned Yankee ingenuity. The Madison Trebuchet Challenge was a maker project and competition for families and multi-age community groups that involved learning how to build a trebuchet, testing it out, and then competing for furthest launch. Participants in the project ranged in age from 6 to 60+ years old, with five family and community groups taking part.



The Madison Trebuchet Challenge consisted of three parts: a hands-on workshop to learn to make a trebuchet with models and instructions provided by 4-H Program Coordinator Claes Thelemarck, followed two weeks later by a troubleshooting and testing session for the trebuchets-in-progress, and culminating in a competition during Madison's Old Home Week that drew over 100 spectators. Five teams competed for a distance prize by launching baseballs in Madison's Burke Field, followed by a fun launch of water balloons. Winning Team Chocorua Siege launched a baseball 155 feet 7 inches.

Currently, the Madison Library and UNH Cooperative Extension / 4-H, along with Madison Elementary School's After School Program, are partnering on a kids' Tech Club for children in grades 5 to 8. The Tech Club's first project is constructing submarine remotely operated vehicles to bring to the Seacoast SeaPerch Challenge at UNH in April. Later in the spring, the Tech Club will learn to code using Raspberry Pis.

N.H. STATE LIBRARY WEBSITE ADDS "NEWS AND EVENTS" FEATURE

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We're happy to announce that information about the State Library's programs and events may be found at the "News and Events" section of our website, www.nh.gov/nhsl. Not only can you find out current information there, but you may also look through the archives to find out what was happening "back in the day."

TUCKER FREE LIBRARY, HENNIKER EXPANDS HOURS

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The trustees of the Tucker Free Library recently announced their decision to expand library hours at the Henniker library. Started January 2, 2014 the hours will be:

Tuesday, Wednesday 10-8
Thursday 10-8 (expanded from 10-5)
Friday 12-5 (decreased from 10-5)
Saturday 12-5 (changed from 10-1)
Sunday 12-5 (new hours)

"As 75% of our community commutes over 25 minutes each way," comments Patti Osgood, Chair of the Trustees, "we felt it was necessary to provide additional hours to better serve these community members; some who may not be using our library because of the inconvenient hours." Library director, Lynn Piotrowicz states "I am so excited at the prospect of offering additional services and programs during hours that many more residents can take advantage of."

To accomplish this change in hours without substantial increase in the library budget, Piotrowicz had to be extremely creative and developed a schedule that has staff members working more non-traditional hours. We have taken our 32 hours position and divided it between two new staff members. With the addition of the X-Box and Internet computers in the youth area, we have been seeing more young men in the library after school. For this reason, the two new staff members are guys. "We hope to offer a role model for the kids coming in after school as well as offering some programs like Lego, robotics, photography, video production and/or computer programming for this new group of users," stated Piotrowicz. Two high school students have also been hired to serve as weekend pages.

The library will host three programs Sunday afternoons during the first several months of 2014, Jo Radner, Jeff Warner, and Rebecca Rule will share their stories with us at 2:00 p.m. on January 12 and 26 and February 23 respectively. Check out www.tuckerfreelibrary.org for more details. "It is our hope that community members will come in, read the Sunday newspapers, have a crossword puzzle competition, and just relax. We will again be using the library community area as it was designed for, a gathering place to spend some leisure time with neighbors, perhaps making new friends," reported Piotrowicz.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOOK COLUMN**

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Adair, Marshall, P. **LESSONS FROM A DIPLOMATIC LIFE: WATCHING FLOWERS FROM HORSEBACK.** Rowman & Littlefield, 2013 ISBN: 978-4422-2080-5

Career diplomat Adair recounts his time in the United States Foreign Service. The author summers in Sugar Hill, N.H.

Anderson, Carol Lee. **THE NEW ENGLAND LIFE OF CARTOONIST BOB MONTANA: BEYOND THE ARCHIE COMIC STRIP.** History Press, 2013. \$19.99 ISBN: 978-1-60949-786-6

Montana lived in Meredith, N.H. for 30 years.

Bennett, Marek. **SLOVAKIA: FALL OF THE HEART OF EUROPE.** 2013.
ISBN: 978-0-9824153-2-0

Graphic fiction about "One rabbit's quest for family among the roots and ruins of the Old World."

Crockett, Jessie. **DRIZZLED WITH DEATH.** Berkley Prime Crime, 2013. \$7.99
ISBN: 978-0-425-26000-5

Mystery novel with a New Hampshire setting and by a New Hampshire author.

Dickerman, Mike. **WHITE MOUNTAINS HIKING HISTORY: TRAILBLAZERS OF THE GRANITE STATE.** History Press, 2013. \$19.99 ISBN: 978-1-62619-080-1

History of hiking and mountaineering in the White Mountains.

Dickerman, Mike. **STORIES FROM THE WHITE MOUNTAINS: CELEBRATING THE REGION'S PAST.** History Press, 2013. \$19.99 ISBN: 978-1-62619-079-5

Collection of vignettes focusing on the history of the White Mountains.

Fargnoli, Patricia. **WINTER.** Hobblebush Books, 2013. \$18.00 ISBN: 978-1-939449-01-6
Hobblebush Granite State Poetry Series, Volume 7.

Flynn, Kevin, and Rebecca Lavoie. **NOTES ON A KILLING: LOVE, LIES AND MURDER IN A SMALL NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN.** Berkley Books, 2013. \$9.99 ISBN: 978-0-425-25876-7

Case study of a murder in Sullivan County in 2005.

Fogg, Aimee Gagnon. **THE GRANITE MEN OF HENRI-CHAPELLE: STORIES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S WWII SOLDIERS.** \$17.95 ISBN: 978-1-4787-0850-6

Stories of 38 New Hampshire World War II soldiers buried in Belgium.

Fowler, James. **FALLING ASHES: HAIBUN, HAIKU, SENRYU & OTHER POEMS.**
Hobblebush Books, 2013. \$16.00 ISBN: 978-1-939449-02-3

Hobblebush Granite State Poetry Series, Volume 7.

Harris, Marie. Illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton. **THE GIRL WHO HEARD COLORS.**
Nancy Paulsen Books, 2013. \$16.98 ISBN: 978-0-399-25643-1

Children's fiction about a girl with an extra sense called synesthesia, and who sees colors whenever she hears sounds.

Heald, Bruce D. **NEW HAMPSHIRE AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.** History Press, 2013. \$19.99 ISBN: 978-1-62619-099-3

"Heald offers an in-depth description of the state's regiments, forts...and distinguished Patriots." (Back cover)

Holbrook, Flannery B. **A GREAT DAY IN PORTSMOUTH.** Piscataqua Press, 2013. \$18.99
ISBN: 978-1-939739-13-1

Colored illustrations and photographs of a little girl who spends a day exploring Portsmouth with her parents.

Kearney, Meg. Illustrated by E.B. Lewis. **TROUPER.** Scholastic Press, 2013. \$16.99
ISBN: 978-0-545-10041-0

Picture book story of Trouper, a three-legged dog, who remembers his life as a stray, before he was adopted.

McMahon, Charles. **LEGENDARY LOCALS OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE.**
Arcadia Publishing, 2013. \$21.99 ISBN: 978-1-4671-0076-2

Unique individuals and groups, past and present, who have made an impact on Portsmouth.

Miller, Richard F., Editor **STATES AT WAR: VOLUME 1: A REFERENCE GUIDE FOR CONNECTICUT, MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, RHODE ISLAND, AND VERMONT IN THE CIVIL WAR.** University Press of New England, 2013. ISBN: 978-1-61168-324-0

PISCATAQUA POEMS: A SEACOAST ANTHOLOGY. RiverRun Bookstore, 2013.
ISBN: 978-1-939739-00-1

Collection of 101 poems about the New Hampshire seacoast region.

Ray, Mary Lyn. Color illustrations by Steven Salerno. **BOOM! BIG, BIG THUNDER AND ONE SMALL DOG.** Disney*Hyperion Books, 2013. ISBN: 9781423162384

Children's book about a little dog that is afraid of thunder.

Robinson, J. Dennis, with illustrations by Bill Paarlberg. **UNDER THE ISLES OF SHOALS: ARCHAEOLOGY & DISCOVERY ON SMUTTYNOSE ISLAND.** Portsmouth Marine Society, 2012. \$29.95
ISBN: 978-0-915819-37-9

Tracks the recent discoveries by archaeologist Nathan Hamilton and his student diggers.

Shields, David, and Shane Salerno. **SALINGER.** Simon & Shuster, 2013. \$37.50
ISBN: 978-1-4767 - 4483-4

Important new biography of literary icon J.D. Salinger.

Smith, Brendan. **THE FLATLANDER CHRONICLES.** Piscataqua Press, 2013. \$13.99
ISBN: 978-1-939-739-04-0

Compilation of the author's columns in the *Weirs Times*.

Seim, Donna Marie. **CHARLEY.** Illustrated by Susan Spellman. Peter E. Randall Publisher, 2013. \$14.95
ISBN: 978-1-937721-10-7

Work of fiction aimed at eight to twelve year old children. It is based on the true story of a twelve-year-old boy living in Boston in 1910.

Steil, Benn. **THE BATTLE OF BRETTON WOODS: JOHN MAYNARD KEYNES, HARRY DEXTER WHITE, AND THE MAKING OF A NEW WORLD ORDER.** Princeton University Press, 2013. \$29.95
ISBN: 978-0-691-14909-7

Story of the international monetary policy meeting held in 1944.

Stiver, Harold. **NEW HAMPSHIRE COVERED BRIDGES: A GUIDE FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND EXPLORERS.** Published by the author, 2013. ISBN: 978-1-927835-09-8.

For each bridge the author gives directions, GPS coordinates, color photos, and history.

Wallace. Sandra Neil. **MUCKERS: WHEN YOUR TOWN'S ABOUT TO CRUMBLE, YOU DIG DEEPER INTO THE MUCK AND FIND A WAY TO WIN.** Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. \$16.99
ISBN: 978-0-375-86754-5

Juvenile sports fiction about a high school football team trying to get to the state championship.

Woodward, Timothy. **IF I TOLD YOU SO.** Kensington Books, 2012. \$15.00 ISBN: 978-0-7582-7788-5

Juvenile fiction about a young man struggling to tell his father that he is gay. New Hampshire author and setting.

NEW APP BRINGS AUDIO AND BRAILLE BOOKS TO THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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The New Hampshire State Library, through its Talking Books division, is pleased to announce that individuals who are blind or visually impaired, or who have a physical disability that does not allow them to handle printed reading material may now download audio and braille books to their iPhone, iPad or iPod touch through a new, free mobile application, the Braille and Audio Reading Download, known as BARD.

BARD allows readers to download audio and Braille books from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped's collection. Almost 50,000 books, magazines, and music scores in audio and Braille formats are currently available through BARD, with new selections added daily.

In addition to making audio books available on iPhones, iPads and iPod touches, BARD allows New Hampshire Talking Book patrons to access printed material by using Bluetooth technology to connect to a refreshable Braille display to those portable devices. Previously, they relied on heavy Braille-printed books or bulky playback equipment for their reading material.

"Downloadable digital audio and e-books are very popular at New Hampshire's libraries, and now our Talking Books patrons can also use today's technology to enjoy a wide variety of reading materials," said State Librarian Michael York. "We're very pleased that this service is available for them."

To use BARD, New Hampshire patrons must be registered with the state's Talking Book Services and will need to download the BARD app from the Apple App store; they then access materials from the National Library Service's BARD site <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/login/NLS>.

The National Library Service is also working on an app for Android devices.

To learn more about the BARD mobile app and other services provided by the New Hampshire Talking Book Services, please contact the State Library's Talking Books division at (603) 271-3429 or toll-free (800) 491-4200 or visit www.nh.gov/nhsl/talking_books.

ALICE FOGEL NAMED N.H. POET LAUREATE

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New Hampshire's Executive Council confirmed Governor Maggie Hassan's nomination of Alice B. Fogel of Acworth, N.H. as the next New Hampshire Poet Laureate.

Fogel will serve a five-year term beginning January 2014. The state's poet laureate serves as an ambassador for all poets in New Hampshire and works to heighten the visibility and value of poetry in the state.

For the first time in its history, the New Hampshire Poet Laureate position includes an honorarium of \$500 for each year of the first-year term to help the next poet laureate achieve his or her stated mission. Funding comes from contributions made to the Walter Butts' new Hampshire Poet Laureate Fund, created in memory of the most recent New Hampshire Poet Laureate, and coordinated through the Poetry Society of New Hampshire.

Fogel is an award-winning poet, author, teacher and well-respected figure in the New Hampshire poetry community. Her third book, "Be That Empty," was a national poetry bestseller in 2008, and "Strange Terrain" (on how to appreciate poetry without "getting" it) was published in 2009. Her poems have appeared in many journals and anthologies, including "Interval: Poems Based upon Bach's Goldberg Variations," won the Nichols Schaffner Award for Music in Literature, and is forthcoming from Schaffner Press.

Fogel was the 2012 Poet in Residence at the Carl Sandburg Historical Site National Park and has received an Individual Artist Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, among other awards. She has provided professional development and served as a judge for the N.H. Poetry Out Loud high school competition and currently teaches writing at both Keene State College and Landmark College in Putney, VT.

"I am deeply pleased, honored and grateful for the opportunity to give back to our wonderfully art-nurturing state," said Fogel. "I believe that poetry - along with other arts - is life-enhancing, opening us to necessary reflection and empathy. As Poet Laureate, I hope to bring more readers to the personal and communal experiences of poetry, through the many works available to us by poets in New Hampshire and beyond."

"Alice is a nationally recognized poet and teacher with a gift for making poetry accessible, inclusive and relevant to a wide audience and we know she will draw on these talents to promote poetry in New Hampshire as our state poet laureate," said Kyle Potvin, president of the Poetry Society of New Hampshire, the organization charged with submitting a recommendation to the Governor.

Established by the state legislature in 1967, New Hampshire's poet laureate is an honorary five-year position held by an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field of poetry. The impressive list of former New Hampshire poets laureate includes Walter Butts, Patricia Fagnoli, Marie Harris, Donald Hall, Cynthia Huntington, Jane Kenyon and Maxine Kumin.

For more information about the New Hampshire Poet Laureate, e-mail info@poetrysocietyofnewhampshire.org.

THE MYSTERY DONOR'S TALE: A SISTER, A BROTHER AND A NEW LIBRARY

by Chris Jensen
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You may view this article in its entirety at:
<http://nhpr.org/post/mystery-donors-tale-sister-brother-and-new-library>

For 100 years the library in Bethlehem occupied three small rooms in Town Hall. But over the weekend that changed with the opening of a new library on Main Street. It was the conclusion of a tale involving a mystery donor, a brother who moved far away and a sister who stayed in the North Country.

At the tale's center were two people: One was Muriel Brown, who for more than three decades was the town's beloved librarian. The other was her brother, Arthur Jobin, known to the family as "Bud". Both grew up in Bethlehem. They had a particularly strong relationship, the source of which wasn't clear even to family members. "I just think my mother had a special spot for him," said Melody Nute, Muriel Brown's daughter.

Meanwhile, Muriel Brown was still in Bethlehem, immersed in civic activities, raising a family, and working year after year in the three tiny rooms that made up the library. She prided herself on stocking best sellers before other libraries. She might not know everyone's name, but she knew their library card number. And she would go through book after book, digging to find the answer to a patron's question.

Bruce Brown, who still lives in Bethlehem, is Muriel's son. He says his mother was amazed when Jobin told her he wanted to donate his life savings - which he figured would be at least \$1 million - for a new library. It was "just plain disbelief, that he would and could do that," he said.

Funding a new library was an interesting choice because, unlike Muriel, Jobin didn't seem like a big reader, says Nute. But there was one magazine he really like. "We know he read the *Reader's Digest* cover to cover because he loved to tell jokes and he would memorize the jokes and then entertain people with them," Nute said.

Bruce Brown thinks Jobin donated the money because he was proud his sister stayed in Bethlehem, was helping the town and he wanted to Jobin family to be remembered fondly. But there was a catch; the donation had to be a secret and the money was not going to be available until Jobin died. The reason is that all of his life Jobin hated anything that drew attention to him. Nevertheless, Muriel Brown was delighted to know that one day the town would get a new library.

NEW HAMPSHIRE RETIRING LIBRARIANS and NEW LIBRARY PERSONNEL

RETIRING

Joan Knight, Director, Jaffrey Public Library
Susan Morong, Director, Madbury Public Library
Barbara Sanderson, Circulation Librarian, Rodgers Memorial Library, Hudson

NEW

Charlotte Arredondo, Director, Kingston Community Library
Angela Brown, Technical Services Librarian, Amherst Town Library
Natalie Coolen, Circulation Librarian, Rodgers Memorial Library, Hudson
Amy Cyr, Director, Randolph Public Library
Chuck McAndrew, Library Information Technology Assistant, Lebanon Public Library
Lea McBain, Assistant Director, Newbury Public Library
Susan Sinnott, Director, Madbury Public Library
Mark Thomas, Library Assistant, Oscar Foss Memorial Library, Center Barnstead.

Angela Brown brings to the position a varied background with experiences in customer service, work in a public service capacity at both the reference desk and circulation desk, digitization work for a consulting firm, and finally cataloging experience. Angela moved to Amherst over a year ago and is invested in this community and is as enthusiastic about this opportunity as we are about welcoming her to it.

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Joan Knight retired in July 2013, and Emily Donnelly became Director at the Jaffrey Public Library. Also, Ed Kerman was hired in November 2013 as a part-time library assistant.

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Chuck McAndrew, joined the Lebanon Public Libraries in October 2013. He is the first to hold this position, which was newly created in 2013. Chuck joined the Marine Corps directly after high school, and was a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical defense specialist. He served four years and got out as a Corporal. For three years he was part owner of ASA Swordworks which made high quality reproductions of antique swords. While in graduate school Chuck worked in the IT department for the Department of Sociology at the University of Washington. He also worked on a number of research projects including the Global Impact Study - www.globalimpactstudy.org/ which looks at the impact of public access to information technology in developing countries. Chuck is very interested in ways that Technology can enhance and expand library services and in how implementing Open Source solutions can benefit small library systems that do not have large budgets. Chuck is joining the NHLA-ITS group, and has already attended a meeting held at the Hooksett Public Library. We are very fortunate to have him on our staff.

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Lea McBain has joined Newbury Public Library as its assistant director with development of services to youth and families as a primary responsibility. Lea has a Bachelor Of Arts degree in History and Fine Arts from the State University of NY at Albany, cum laud. Her Master of Library and Information Science degree is from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Lea is also an artist and former substitute teacher who will bring those skills to her work with children in grades K-8. She grew up in Lebanon, N.H., but has worked in the Albany, N.Y. library system for the past eight years, where she helped open five new branch libraries and led two multi-age art projects, securing grant funding for both.

-submitted by Liz Tentarelli, Chair
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Barbara Sanderson retired December 31, 2013 after 14 years of service as the Circulation Librarian from the Rodgers Memorial Library in Hudson. Barbara will be replaced by Natalie Coolen, who recently completed her MLIS from URI.

-submitted by Charlie Matthews, Director
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Susan Sinnott is the new director at the Madbury Public Library. The previous director, Susan Morong, retired on December 20, 2013. Susan Sinnott was director at the William Fogg Public Library, Eliot, Maine from 2007 until 2013. She received her MLIS from Simmons in 2009. She has also worked for several years as a library assistant - mostly in the Children's Department - at the Portsmouth Public Library. Susan currently lives York, Maine.

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Mark Thomas was hired in October 2013 as the new Library Assistant. Mark has a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and brings a variety of technologies and library experience to the team.

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